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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Michael N. Opsasnick

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 December 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tucker et al (6675144).

As per claims 1,3, Tucker et al (6675144) teaches a method and apparatus of wideband speech encoding (abstract, fig. 1) comprising:

“partitioning...highband” as low pass and high pass (fig. 1, subblock 14 and 16);

“encoding said lowband” as lowband encoder (Fig. 1, subblock 18)

“encoding said highband.....lowband” as LPC from periodic signals + noise from the other band (Fig. 5, and Fig. 6, subblock 120)

“combining...speech” as combining both block of speech processed data (output of Fig. 1)

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As per claims 2,4, Tucker et al (6675144) teaches a method and apparatus of speech decoding (Fig. 2) comprising:

“decoding a first portion.....signal” as narrowband decoder (Fig. 2, subblock 30)

“decoding a second portion.....preceding step” as white noise plus noise energy modulated signal (Fig. 2)

“combining.....signal” as the decoded output (output of Fig. 2)

As per claim 5, Tucker et al (6675144) teaches:

“decimating.....highband” as decimating thru the filters (col. 6 lines 20-26)

“encoding.....quantization” as encoding thru the narrowband encoder (Fig. 1, subblock 18)

“reversing.....step” as subtracting adjacent spectral components (col. 6 lines 38-50)

“encoding.....quantization” as differential encoding (col. 6 lines 44-46)

As per claims 6,8, Tucker et al (6675144) teaches decoding both the first and second portions using LPC coefficients (Fig. 10, col. 9 line 45 – col. 10 line 8, which is in the form of a codebook, which is well known in the art)

As per claim 7, Tucker et al (6675144) teaches both encoders using a quantizer (Fig. 11, subblock 152)

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 3/16/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. As per applicants argument with respect to lowband/highband, examiner argues that the citation of Tucker show the use of pitch pulses with noise, which are found in the lowband, are used for excitation in the highband.

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

5. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Crystal Drive, Arlington. VA., Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Opsasnick, telephone number (571)272-7623, who is available Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's acting supervisor, Mr. David Ometz, can be reached at (571)272-7593. The facsimile phone number for this group is (571)272-7629.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group 2600 receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600, the 2600 Customer Service telephone number is (571)272-2600.

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